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EXAMINER

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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ELLISON ET AL.

Examiner

David Y Jung

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16,46-55 and 57-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16,46-71 and 77-80 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 72-76,84 and 85 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

As noted in the amendment, claims 16, 46-55, and 57-85 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed with the preliminary amendment have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The amendment states: "The present amendments do not narrow the claims." Upon a full study of the amendment, the Office agrees that the claims are not narrowed. Because no further convincing argument is deemed to have been presented, the previously rejected claims stand rejected and the previously indicated as allowable claims stand indicated as allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The amendment states: "The present amendments do not narrow the claims." Thus, the rejections noted in the previous office action still stands. For this reason, all claims save 72-76, 84, 85 are rejected as noted in the previous Office Action. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 72-76, 84, 85 are indicated as allowable for the reasons noted in the previous Office Action.

Conclusion

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The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Greg Morse whose telephone number is (571) 272-3838.

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Patent Examiner

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